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REPORT OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR 1942:



To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors  
of the Borough of Southwold.

I beg to submit a brief Interim Report for the year 1942.

Population and Houses:

In compliance with the instructions contained in Ministry of Health Circular number 2604, dated 24th March, 1942, figures concerning the population and number of houses occupied are omitted from this Report. No new houses have been erected during the year.

Public Nursing.

A District Nurse, who also undertakes inspection of Tuberculosis Cases and Infant Welfare for the County Sanitary Authorities, is provided by the Southwold, Wangford and District Nursing Association.

Ambulance Facilities:

The Southwold Ambulance Section of the British Red Cross Society provides a Motor Ambulance available day and night for any service required. The Town Council makes a grant of £10 per annum towards its upkeep.

The Members of the Southwold Red Cross Detachments give their services, but a small charge is made for the use of the Ambulance except in cases of patients who cannot afford to pay, when the whole service is gratuitous. This service continues to provide adequate and satisfactory

Infant Welfare Clinic:

This has been discontinued by the County Council owing to the extremely small number of cases attending.

Blood Transfusion Service:

This service has been considerably augmented during the year and the number of blood donors available has been increased.

Hospitals:

Provided or subsidized by the Local Authority or by the County Council:-

1. TUBERCULOSIS: Hospital Treatment of Pulmonary cases is provided by the County Council at Ipswich Sanatorium.

2. FEVER: Under a County Joint Hospital Scheme accommodation is provided for cases of infectious diseases, other than Small Pox, at Lowestoft Borough Isolation Hospital and Stowmarket Isolation Hospital.

3. SMALL POX: Accommodation is provided by the County Sanitary Authorities.

4. VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS: The Southwold and District Hospital serves the Borough and surrounding Parishes. The normal accommodation

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The second part of the report deals with the results of the work during the year.

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consists of two public wards of 5 beds each for males and females respectively and three private wards, but the accommodation has now been extended so that in all 20 beds are available. Ample accommodation is available for casualties.

#### Notifiable Diseases:

The following cases have occurred:-

Acute Primary Pneumonia	5 (2 Military)
Erysipelas	1
Whooping Cough	3
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2 (1 male, 1 female)
Diphtheria	3 (Military)
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Scabies: A small number of cases occurred in the Borough during the year, which were treated at the Cleansing Station by Civil Defence personnel.

Jaundice: There was an outbreak of Catarrhal Jaundice<sup>in</sup> which children were mostly affected. This was in the nature of an epidemic a large number of cases occurring.

Venereal Disease: Facilities are available for the treatment of Venereal Diseases at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital at Ipswich and the Lowestoft and North Suffolk Hospital at Lowestoft.

#### Diphtheria Immunisation:

A further appeal was made to the parents of children between the ages of one and fifteen years, urging them to have their children immunised and the response was very gratifying. Thirty-four children under the age of 5 years and 15 children aged 5 years and over but under 15 years completed a complete course of immunisation, and it is estimated that 73% of the child population under 5 years and 87% of the child population aged 5 years and under 15 years had been immunised before December 31st, 1942.

#### Inspection and Supervision of Food:

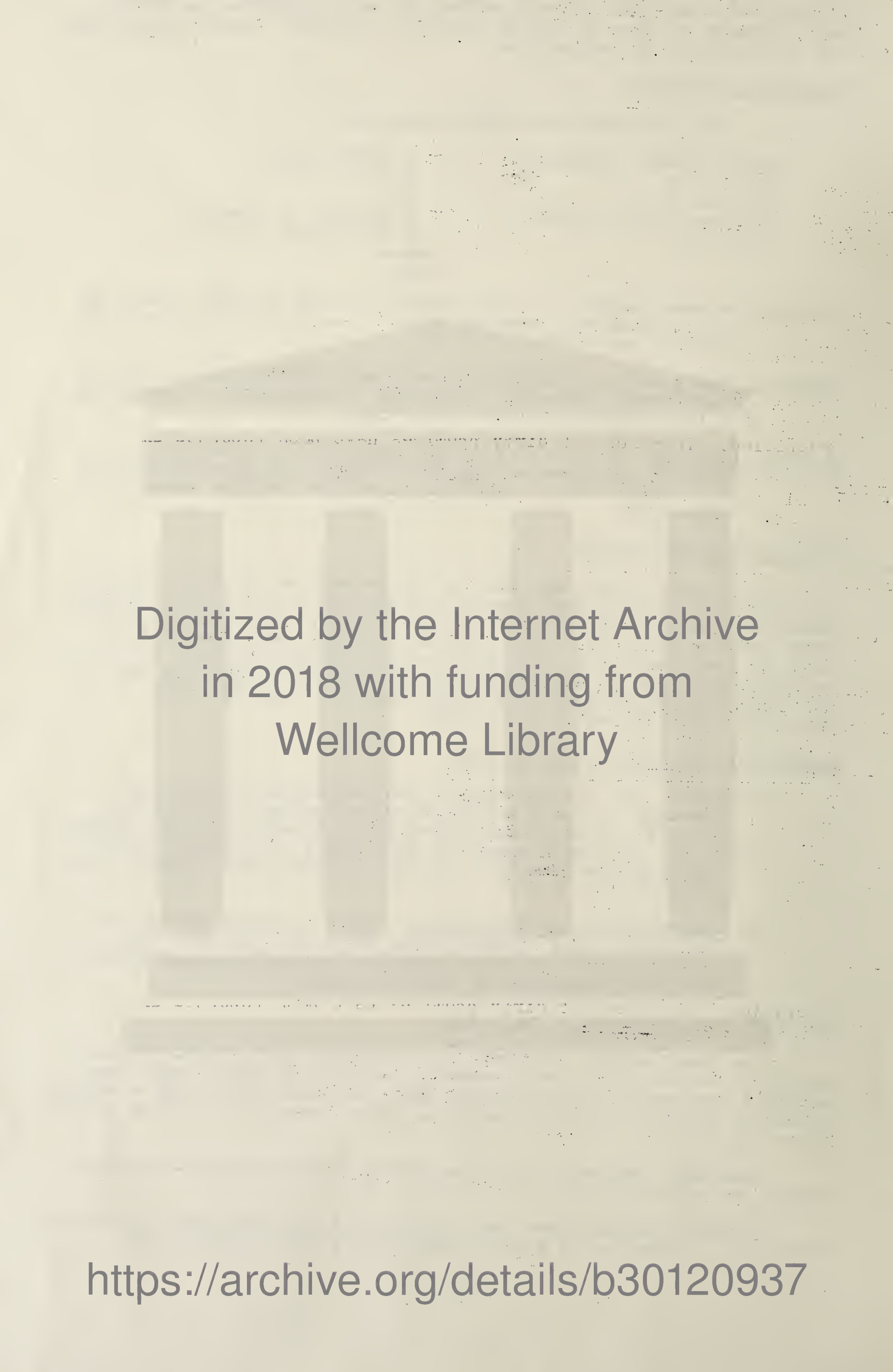
- (a) Meat: No slaughtering is now carried out within the Borough, the meat being killed at Lowestoft and Beccles where it is inspected before being brought into the Borough
- (b) Milk: The milk supply is both ample in quantity and of satisfactory quality. The Dairies have been inspected and found clean.
- (c) General Food and Provisions. Under an Order made by the Divisional Food Officer, food shops and food have been inspected and certain foodstuffs, including canned foods, have been condemned as unfit for sale.

#### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

The Water supply continues to be adequate and of an excellent quality. Samples from two alternative sources of supply have been analysed and adequate arrangements have been made to provide a supply of water, safe for drinking purposes, in the event of the main supply being cut off.

Drainage, sewerage and arrangements for the disposal of house refuse are satisfactory.

Various premises have been inspected during the year and defects rectified. Instances of dirty premises have been reported and



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satisfactorily dealt with.

A.R.P. Services:

FIRST AID PARTY DEPOT: There is a First Aid Party and an Ambulance Section under the Depot Superintendent, Mr.F.J.Miller.

FIRST AID POST: There is a Fixed First Aid Post. Mrs.J.B. Critten has been responsible to me for the supervision of the personnel.

Both services are well staffed and equipped and are ready and available to deal with casualties at all hours.

General Remarks:

The health of the town during the year has been good and there has been no serious outbreak of epidemic disease.

I would like to express my thanks to Mr.J.S.Hurst, Borough Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, for his invaluable assistance to me in my work.

J. D. BORHAM,

Medical Officer of Health.



